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SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" The Hon. Minister said that exemption was given in favour of certain candidates selected by the High Court. May I know the reason for granting exemption in view of the fact that there were a number of candidates available?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In certain cases the candidates were over-aged by a few months or a few years. In those cases, we relaxed the rules."

Selection of candidates for appointment as Sub-Magistrates.

* 960 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any interview of candidates for appointment as Sub-Magistrates during the month of March 1954;

(*b*) if so, how many came for interview from the High Court staff and how many from departments other than the High Court;

(*c*) the number of vacancies and the number filled up;

(*d*) whether any appointments were made relaxing the rules; and

(*e*) if so, how many and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to the Legislative Assembly question No. (959) tabled by Sri V. Gopala Gounder."

8.50 a.m. SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Of the candidates selected, how many belong to the Backward Classes and how many are Harijans?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I get an assurance from the Government, Sir, that at least in future independence of selection will be given to the Public Service Commission and that no exemption will be given, whether it be a recommendation from the High Court or any other official?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is only in very deserving cases on the recommendation of the High Court and also the Public Service Commission, Government grant the relaxation."

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know the qualification, age and services of those for whom the extension was requested by the High Court and was granted by the Government and also, may I know whether any candidate had been given exemption because he was under-aged?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In most cases, the exceptional cases are cases of only favourites which gives room to partiality. I hope, Sir, the Government will see that such a thing does not happen in future."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought we should respect the wishes and the recommendations of the High Court because they are the Judges and they are supposed to act in a very judicial manner."

Implementation of the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal by the Gordon Press, Madras.

* 961 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the Government did not take steps to get the award given by the Labour Appellate Tribunal on 22nd May 1953 and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on June 24, 1953, implemented by the Gordon Press, Madras-2, regarding the payment of compensation to a retrenched worker?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The worker died and the question of payment to his heirs is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, according to the Labour Appellate Tribunal Act, is it not mandatory on the part of the management to implement the award within one month and why has it not been implemented by this State Government after one month? Why should the Government wait till the worker dies? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, in September 1953 the Madras Press Labour Union requested the Government to implement the award of the Tribunal. The Commissioner of Labour reported that Natesa Mudaliar died in 1953, but that his wife was alive and that the Union wanted the compensation to be paid to the heir, the wife of the deceased, and the management agreed to pay the compensation to her. But they did not pay and so, a ' show cause notice ' was issued and they did not reply. The Commissioner of Labour has reported that he is asking the Labour Officer to obtain an application from the widow. The other question whether the Management is bound to pay compensation to the heirs and if they do not pay, whether a prosecution can be launched against the Management is under examination."

Co-operative Societies in the City.

* 962 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies in the City of Madras and the various kinds of societies and their liabilities;